14 January 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: All NIS Recipients

FROM

: National Intelligence Survey Committee

SUBJECT

: NIS User Questionnaire

1. National Intelligence Survey Program emphasis since 1963 has been on the production of the single-volume General Survey on all areas of national security interest. Revised periodically, the General Survey is supported by detailed topical units produced on a highly selective basis; it is complemented by the semiannual NIS Basic Intelligence Factbook, which provides interim updating of basic data for all NIS Areas.

2. The attached questionnaire is an integral part of an overall effort to assess the validity of the current NIS structure and emphasis, to ascertain the utility of the Program, and to determine how it might better serve user needs. Because the data compiled from the questionnaire will be critical to future NIS planning, please respond fully and precisely to all questions that apply to you. The completed questionnaire should be returned as soon as possible but not later than 1 March 1969 using the envelope provided.

JAMES A. BRAMMELL Chairman NIS Committee



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	Your position (job title)	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
	Your fields of responsibility (geographic area and/or specialty)		
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2.	Is the NIS Production Status Report available for your use?	Yes	No
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	Do you regularly use it?		
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5.	In general, do you consider yourself:
	a. Regular user of NIS publications
	b. Infrequent user
6.	If you checked 5,a, above, which of the following best describes NIS usefulness: (If more than one applies, indicate rank by using 1 for highest.)
	Principal source of information
	Secondary source
	Supplies information in a conveniently assembled form not otherwise available
	Supplies corroborative information
	Other (specify)
7.	. If you checked 5,b, above, which of the following best describes your reasons for
	only infrequent use: (If more than one applies, indicate rank by using 1 for highest.)
	Not readily available .
	Not sufficiently current
	Too summarized and generalized
	Too detailed
	_ Only marginally related to my needs
	Needs filled by other publications (specify)
	NIS of value only in conjunction with other publications (specify)
	Other (specify)
	8. Has the NIS been consulted for crisis situations, crash projects, or emergency plan-
	ning?
	Yes No Why?
	If you checked "Yes" above, how useful was it under these circumstances?
	_ Excellent _ Good _ Adequate _ Marginal
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With reference to	the NIS publications listed in 4, above, what are the major sho
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